



RENO-SPARKS INDIAN COLONY
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Director
Office of Child Care
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Dear OCC Director:

This letter describes how Reno-Sparks Indian Colony (RSIC) plans to use the Child Care and Development Funds (CCDF) awarded under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA). The RSIC operates a 477 Program through the BIA Public Law 102.477. We understand that this description will be used for the purpose of informing the Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families and Congress how our Lead Agency anticipates using the funds to support the child care needs in our jurisdiction.

We plan to use CRRSA funds for activities in the following categories:

1. **Direct Services/Subsidies** [Describe how funds will be used to provide direct services.]
 - Child Care Assistance Vouchers are available to 477 eligible clients to help offset child care for off-Colony centers
2. **Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices** [Describe how funds will be used to address implementation of virus mitigation policies and practices.]
 - Additional staff necessary for providing care during the pandemic, a result from smaller group sizes and groups not permitted to intermingle. We will need 2 additional staff per center, totaling 4 additional temporary staff.
 - PPE, cleaning, and disinfecting supplies needed to maintain a healthy environment and the weekly burn rate is high due to the nature of providing child care services during the pandemic.
 - Purchase and replenish supplies for consumables (toys, learning materials, blankets, etc.) that children are not permitted to share due to the virus.
 - Wipeable furniture, mats, etc.
 - Paper products to serve meals
 - Laptops for staff to use in individual classrooms

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING SECTION IF YOUR LEAD AGENCY HAS YET TO DEVELOP A PLAN:

Reno-Sparks Indian Colony has not yet determined how CCDF CRRSA funds will be spent. Our timeline for deciding how funds will be spent is as follows: The Reno-Sparks Indian Colony requires a Council approval for the Chairman to sign this letter. The next potential Council meeting is March 17, 2021.

The Reno-Sparks Indian Colony will amend our CCDF plan as a result of activities implemented under CRRSA funding not currently described in the plan, within 60 days of implementation.

- The RSIC 477 Plan will not need to be amended to accommodate these needs. The Head Start & Child Care COVID-19 Policies are in process and targeted to be before Tribal Council in April.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Reno-Sparks Indian Colony

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